









and rent-sweating, nobody raises a voice against his selfish inhumanity. When he foregoes a few thousands per annum out of his yearly millions, and advertises well the fact that he intends to devote this paltry sum to the better housing of the poor—whose fathers and grandfathers have rotted to death—whose children have faded away, on his estate—the press of the civilized world, joined in one monumental grovel, applauds his Grace's "charity," wallows in the dirt at his Grace's boots. For weeks then, afterwards, we are treated by the capitalistic press to slobbering leaders on the "responsibilities of wealth."

We do not recognise the responsibility of wealth! Wealth has no responsibilities, because it has no rights—no rights, we mean, that are not purely conventional and arbitrary rights which are not the outgrowth of miserable circumstance and paltry expediency. In a broader right, the splendid responsibility of his brother's welfare. The wealthy may have all they can grab. They may be conscience-stricken and relax their grasp upon a fraction, if they choose. It matters little. We recognise only the fact that every man has a right to the full realization of all his mental and physical potentialities. The speculative enterprise of the Smiths and the Pullmans, of the Guinneses and the Carnegies, interfere with this right. It signifies little that a man becomes very good at being as bad as he wished to be, as when to attain a special end, the *evil* turns saint when no longer his senses minister to his animal gratification. It is very fine to be open-handed within limits, after being, for one's life-time, close-fisted without limits. But let it pass! The rich are entitled to all they can get, if they are entitled—from the standpoint of abstract reason—to get anything beyond what another gets. We must be logical. Socialism says no man has a right which is another man's wrong. It is possible that Socialism is on the more rational track.

Tolstoy, in his "Two Brothers and Gold," tells a story of two men devoted to the service of humanity. One day they found a treasure of gold. One brother fled from it as from a temptation of the Devil. The other gathered it up, went into a city with it, built infirmaries, hospitals, charitable institutions. Men called this brother good, holy, noble, what-not; he rubbed himself down with their praise as a South Sea Islander rubs himself down with coconut-oil. Then he began to desire his brother's company. He went into the field to look for him, thinking: "My brother reasoned wrong when he jumped away from the gold and fled. Haven't I done better? An angel intervened and told him that he is unworthy to live with so good a brother." "My brother's leap is worth more than all those things that thou hast done with thy gold." The man explains all about the poor, the wanderers, the orphans he has succored; but the angel comes down on him, like a blackbird on a worm, with: "The Devil, who put down the gold to seduce thee, also taught thee these words." This little fable pretty accurately describes the position of a man—lauded by a silly, drivelling newspaper press—who, after submitting without a complaint to the iniquitous existing condition of things, endeavours to make his peace with his conscience by donating a decimal of his fearful superfluity to the service of his race. The modern advertiser, however, does not do this. He merely buys a reputation for benevolence, and he gets it under the false pretence of being genuinely charitable; but very likely, the beautiful theory of compensation comes in here, and the purchased reputation is about as false as the benevolence with which he bought it.—*Sydney Bulletin*.

## ORIGINAL GILBERT.

THE "BAB BALLADS" AS THE SOURCE OF "PINAFORE," "PATIENCE" AND COMPANY.

At the time of "Pinafore's" production it was intimated by certain curious investigators that the germ of the libretto was to be found in one of W. S. Gilbert's early pieces of nonsense verse entitled "Captain Reece." This little gem was the first of the "Bab Ballads" published in the alleged and defunct comic paper *Punch*, some time in the early '60s. The late Thomas Hood, the younger Gilbert never successfully denied the assertion—it could scarcely be called a charge—and the recent publication of a revised volume of these same ballads shows that "Captain Reece" was not the only verse of his youth from which Gilbert gathered inspiration for his later work.

An inspection of the volume shows a curious want of originality in Gilbert, or rather it shows that his fun was of a very circumscribed order, and that his whimsicality runs in one direction only. The reader has only to review the stories and characters which Sir Arthur Sullivan has made so musically popular to appreciate the justice of this criticism. The Admiral in "Pinafore," the Judge in "Trial by Jury," the Colonel in "Patience," the Lord Chancellor, and the Mikado himself are all the same character under different names; all have the same autobiographical patter songs to sing; Lady Jane and Katharine are first cousins; the bumbast woman in "Pinafore" and the housekeeper of the "Pinafore" are fashioned on the same lines; Ralph Rackstraw is the same as the Major-General, and the daughters of the Major-General are only the sisters and the cousins and the aunts of the Admiral.

In the ballad referred to Captain Reece is in command of her Britannic Majesty's ship the *Mantelpiece*, and his chief aim in life was "to promote the comfort of his crew." One day the good Captain, thinking that something might still be done to make his sailors happy and comfortable, inquired of the boatswain, William Lee, if this were so. "A nervous, law-sweeping man," cleared his throat and made reply:

"You have a daughter, Captain Reece,  
Ten female cousins and a niece,  
A me, I what I'm told in life,  
Six sisters and an aunt or two."

Here is the female chorus of "Pinafore" provided for, and William Lee's idea is that all these charming relatives of the Captain should be united to unmarried members of the crew. The Captain immediately consented to such an admirable arrangement, and declared that he would in addition settle thousands on all the contracting parties, and then remain a bachelor. To this, however, Boatswain Lee blushing objected, and offered as a sacrifice his widowed mother, who, it seems, had long worshipped Captain Reece from afar. And so they were all married.

On turning to a few other ballads something more than the female half of the chorus is found in outline. About the middle of the volume is found the rhyming story of "Joe Gollybly" with the sub-title, "The First Lord's Daughter." The young man is introduced as follows:

A lay, but poorly paid,  
Long, shuffling, and ungaily,  
Thimble, bulled and dejected,  
Was wretched Joe Gollybly.

Joe might have grown up to be a decent sort of sailor, but, unfortunately, although

He liked his ship at sea,  
He loved the salt sea water;  
He worshipped junk and line,  
Adored the First Lord's daughter.

casting him into the black hole among the cockroaches. Here, undoubtedly the first Ralph Rackstraw. The relations are somewhat altered, it is true, but there is no doubt of the "Pinafore" flavor of the whole. But there is more to follow. Farther on we come across "The Bumbast Woman's Story." This is told in the first person, and in telling it she looks back "many years ago when she was young and charming," when her "cheeks were ruddy and soft, and her eyes were large and when sweet Poli Pineapple's eyes were the standing toast of the Royal Fleet." Of all the kind commands that anchored in Portsmouth bay the sweetest and kindest of all, according to Poli Pineapple, was Lieutenant Belage of the *Hot Cross Bun*, and whenever the bumbast woman went on board the *Hot Cross Bun*, what should Lieutenant Belage call her but "Little Buttercup?"

It is to be remarked, too, that the *Hot Cross Bun* was a very proper gunboat. The strongest oath ever heard on board was "Dear me," and no one ever thought of ripping out a "big, big d."

The plot in "Pinafore" turns upon the changing of the Captain and Ralph when they were children, and there are two forebodings of this in the "Bab Ballads." The first is found entitled "General John":

General John was a soldier tried,  
A chief of warlike deeds;  
A haughty aide and a withering pride,  
Were Major-General John's.

Full-Private James described right be  
As a man of mournful mind;  
No characteristic trait had he  
Of any distinctive kind.

Notwithstanding Private James' colorless character, he was not without his thoughts, and one of these he one day submitted to General John. It was that they two had been "cruelly changed at birth." He proceeds:

"I've a strange idea, each other's names  
That we have each got on;  
Such things have been," said Private James;  
"They have!" answered General John.

Notwithstanding his sneer, General John was a just man, and, being convinced that Private James was honest in his opinion, he immediately accepted the situation, shouldered his musket, and obeyed orders like a dutiful soldier.

The other indication is found in the poem entitled "The Baby's Vengeance." Paley Voltaire of Brompville was weary at heart and extremely ill. There was fever in his blood and an unrest in his heart. He demanded one Frederick West, a dastard, to whom he wished to make confession. Frederick came, and to him he confided the fact that when they were both babies they were put out wet-nursed to the same woman, and that, being jealous of the attention young West was receiving, he crawled out of his cradle and changed places with the favored infant. Altogether, and though in many pieces a patchwork, "Pinafore" can be very easily made out of the "Bab" effusions.

Others of his libretti are "The Rival Curates" and it tells a story that is simply that of the rival poets in "Patience." Mr. Clayton Hooper had the cure of souls at Spiffon-extra-Looper, and he was the mildest curate that ever breathed.

A visitor chanced to come to Spiffon-extra-Looper one day and peeped at the idea that the Rev. Hooper was the mildest curate going. He contended that for blank benignity he was not a patch upon the Rev. Hopple Porter, the curate of Assesmill-cum-Worter.

He plays the airy flute,  
And looks down sweetly and blighted,  
Dove-eyed, about him "poor"  
And lambskins dance delighted.

He labors more than you  
At wretched work and frames it;  
In olden times, I think,  
Slacks seaweed—yes, and names it.

Upon hearing this Mr. Hooper sent two desperadoes to Hopple Porter with instructions to assassinate him unless he agreed to play croquet, smoke, and dance. [Porter accepted the situation with joy.]

"What!" said that reverend gent,  
"Dare I though my old confidant?  
Smoke? I bathe myself with scent!  
Play croquet? Oh, with pleasure!"

"For years I've lunged for some  
Excuse for my inactivity;  
Now that excuse has come—  
I do it on compulsion."

There are a number of other coincidences that the interested reader may work out for himself. Of course there is nothing approaching plagiarism in all this. A man has a perfect right to work over his own goods, but it only shows how extremely saying of his inventive abilities Mr. Gilbert has been.—*S. F. Chronicle*.

## VAGARIES OF MEMORY.

CURIOUS RESULTS OF CERTAIN DISEASES OF THE BRAIN.

When disease affects the brain the alterations of word memory are something very strange, says a writer in the *Century* for March. In the most complete form of this so-called aphasia the person cannot understand words, he cannot think in words and cannot talk words. Usually, however, words are remembered sufficiently to be recognized when heard or seen, but although the idea is there, the person cannot speak in words. I recall the case of an old German woman who had aphasia.

When asked how old she was she would indicate 60 with her fingers. If asked how many children she had she would indicate seven. If two of the fingers were turned down she would get angry and insist upon the seven. She knew what the figure meant, but had not the power to say the word "seven." It is a very curious fact that in these forms of aphasia the language of the emotions may be preserved while the language of the intellect is destroyed. Very often a profane man, when he has aphasia, is able to swear. This German woman, when excited, could say "Gott in Himmel!" Besides this there was left to her but one little fragment of each of the two languages which she had known. She could not say the English "no," but she could say the German "nein," but she could not say the English "yes." The forms of aphasia known as word blindness and word deafness are very strange. The sufferer from word blindness can write and will understand what is said to him; he will talk to you and perhaps talk you to death; but hand him a book, a newspaper, or even the letter he himself has written, and he cannot read a word. Thus an active man of business having written a letter, giving directions for an important matter, attempted to read it in order to see if it was correct, but was astounded to find that he could not make out a single word; he had been suddenly stricken with word blindness. The sounds of the words and the words themselves had remained to him, but the recollection of the written forms of the words was gone. In a case of word deafness the person can talk and write, but although his hearing is perfect he cannot recognize the spoken words. The sound of the voice is plain to his sense, but conveys no thought to him. The records of the "exist" in the brain, but for conscious recognition must be dragged out before the consciousness. It is doubtful whether there is such a thing as a bad memory, as a badly kept brain record,

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The difference in individuals as to the power of recollecting probably consists in the relation between consciousness and memory. One man has the power of going into the library in his brain and picking up at once the leaf he wants, and glories in his good memory. Another cannot in a moment find what he desires, but when the floods of disease come, then spontaneously float up those things which he had thought were gone forever.

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CITY HALL, HONGKONG.  
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THIS EVENING,  
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HARRY STANLEY'S OPERA  
TO-NIGHT The Beautiful 3 Acts  
TO-NIGHT Opera of  
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TO-NIGHT DE  
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FRIDAY—BY REQUEST, "LALLA ROOKH."

SATURDAY—"THE COLLEEN BAWN,"  
or "THE BRIDE OF GARRYOWEN."  
Mr. H. STANLEY will appear by request in the Grand Impersonation of Myles-na-Coppaleen with Songs and Digs.

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Navy, Military, and Volunteers in Uniform, Half-Price to Port.  
Box Office open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., where Plan can be seen and Seats secured.  
Doors open at 8.30 p.m., Overture at 8.45 p.m.  
T. EMPSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1890. [911]

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).  
THE Steamship  
"TAICHEONG."  
Captain Dahme, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 21st inst., at 5 p.m.  
For Freight, apply to  
A. G. MORRIS.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1890. [927]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"THALES,"  
Captain Hunter, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 22nd June, at P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 19th June, 1890. [928]

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).  
THE Spanish Steamer  
"SALVADORA,"  
Captain C. A. Conte, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BRANDAO & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 19th June, 1890. [929]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR KOBE & YOKOHAMA.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"MIKE MARU,"  
Captain Sommer, will be despatched for the above Ports, on the 24th prox.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 19th June, 1890. [930]

VICTORIA LODGE.

No. 1025.  
AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.  
Hongkong, 19th June 1890 [931]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Saturday Afternoon Competitions will be DISCONTINUED until further notice, but the ranges will be open for Practice as usual. The FAKI CUP will be also shot for once a month as before.

C. VIVIAN LADDS,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 19th June, 1890. [932]

## Intimations.

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Hongkong, 12th June, 1890.

### Consignees.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "DENBIGHSHIRE,"  
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON,  
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY, the 14th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 21st inst., will be subject to rent. All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 21st inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1890. [880]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "CHINA"  
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
CHAS. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1890. [2]

## Intimations.

### GRIFFITH'S

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Portraits enlarged to life size and painted in Oils or Water Colours by First-class Artists. Miniatures on Ivory, and all kinds of reproductions.  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1890. [524]

THE DARVEL BAY TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Darvel Bay Trading Company, Limited, will be held at No. 9, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st of June, 1890, at 2.30 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit passing, the subjoined Resolution:—

SPECIAL RESOLUTION.  
That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1862 to 1886, and that FREDERICK ALEXANDER ALFRED BERING BROCKELMANN & JUSTUS FREDERICH HEINRICH HEYD, composing the Firm of REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., be the Liquidators of the said Company, and their remuneration as such Liquidators be the same as that allowed them as General Managers of the Company.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1890.  
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,  
General Managers.

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CAPTAIN GEORGE TAYLOR,

INLAND SEA AND JAPAN COAST PILOT.

Telegraphic Address: POWERS,  
Nagasaki.  
Hongkong, 8th April, 1890. [571]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to supply and contract for TEAK, and Manila and Borneo TIMBER suitable for Piers, Wharves, Ship and House-building, Railway Sleepers and Carriages, Furniture, &c. MOLAVE, ARANGA, and BILLIAN resist the attacks of the Steam and White Ant.

Timber sawn to Specification either at Ports of Shipment or at the Bowringham Sawmills, Hongkong.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Hongkong, 21st May, 1890. [701]

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B. & L. PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, in either sex (acquired or constitutional), Gravel and Pains in the Back. Guaranteed free from Mercury. Sold in Boxes, 4s. 6d. each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the World. Proprietors: The Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln, England. [116]

## Intimations.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

WANTED, at the Supreme Court, a person to fill the office of THIRD ASSISTANT BAILIFF. Salary \$480 per annum.  
Apply by letter, with testimonials, &c., to the Registrar, Supreme Court.

Also wanted, in the Botanic and Afforestation Department, CLERK and CHINESE INTERPRETER. Salary \$300 per annum.  
Apply by letter, with testimonials, &c., to the Superintendent of the Department.  
By Command,  
W. M. DEANE,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 18th June, 1890. [925]

### CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION, No. 32.

NOTICE is hereby given that SATURDAY next, the 21st instant (5th Moon, 5th day), being the Chinese Midsummer Festival, will be observed as a HOLIDAY at the Kowloon Customs Office, Huls and Stations. All examination of cargo and clearances of junks will be suspended on that date.

J. MCLEAVY BROWN,  
Commissioner of Customs,  
for Kowloon & District.

Custom House,  
Kowloon, 14th June, 1890. [909]

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND CALL of \$15 (Fifteen Dollars) per Share in the above Company is hereby made and is payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, on or before July 17th, 1890. Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per Annum will be charged on all Calls overdue.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. WHEELEY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1890. [917]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 30th inst., both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1890. [908]

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

This Association is formed for:—  
I.—The purpose of countervailing influences that are, and for a very long time have been, acting against the interests of officers of the British Mercantile Marine.

II.—To watch over and guard the interests of its members.

III.—To maintain the proper dignity of the profession.

N.B.—PUBLIC MEETINGS of this Association will be held at 8.30 p.m., every TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at No. 2, HIGH STREET—the temporary quarters—until further notice.

All Masters and Officers are cordially invited to join.  
By direction of the Committee,  
Hongkong, 28th May, 1890. [816]

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Third Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, at Twelve o'clock (noon), on SATURDAY, the 28th June next, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to 28th instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1890. [910]

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF REOPENING.

A portion of the New Buildings of the above Company, known as the PEAK HOTEL and situated at Victoria Gap, adjoining the tramway station, being completed and furnished, business will be commenced on SATURDAY next, the 14th instant. Residents and visitors wishing to stay at the Peak will find every comfort and accommodation, together with refreshing cool breezes and magnificent view.

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W. THOMAS,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1890. [902]

W. S. MARTEN,

ARTISTIC DECORATOR,

AND

HOUSE AND ESTATE AGENT,

2, DUDDELL STREET,  
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1890. [574]

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

W. S. MARTEN, of 2, Duddell Street, has been instructed to sell privately (NOT BY AUCTION), any portion, or the whole, of the FURNITURE and EFFECTS of a Dining Room, Drawing Room, and Three Bed Rooms. The Furniture is mostly of European make and by the HALL & HOLTZ Co. There is also a good Piano, and a very fine lot of Forns with Ferneries, &c.

Cards to view may be obtained on application at Mr. MARTEN'S Office.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1890. [863



## Commercial.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—193 per cent. premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$98 per share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$70 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 340 per share, sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$125 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 84 per share, sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$357 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$84 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$52 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$37 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—103 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$160 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$501.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—22 1/2 per cent. dis., buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$53 per share, sales and buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$169 per share, sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$76 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$95 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$21 1/2 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$35 per share, nominal.

Punjom and Sunghie Dva Samantan Mining Co.—\$81 per share, sellers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$133 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$79 per share, sellers.

Tonghai Coal Mining Co.—\$325 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—par, buyers.

The East Hong Planting Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, sellers.

The Sanyei Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$20 per share, sellers.

Cruckshank & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nom.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—50 per cent. dis., sellers.

The China-Horreo Co., Ltd.—\$17 per share, buyers.

The Darvel Bay Trading Co., Ltd.—\$8 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$8 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co. (Old Issue)—\$30 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$89 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$53 per share, sellers.

Gen. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$37 per share, sellers.

The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$15 per share, sellers.

The Labuk Planting Co., Ltd.—\$17 per share, nominal.

The Lamag Planting Co., Ltd.—\$15 per share, sellers.

The Jelabu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$44 per share, sellers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$3 per share, sellers.

The Shampan Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, nominal.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.

The Trust and Loan Co. of China and Japan—\$121 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Marine, Limited—par, nominal.

## EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 34 1/2

Bank Bills, on demand 34 1/2

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 34 1/2

Bank Bills, at 60 days' sight 34 1/2

Credits at 4 months' sight 34 1/2

On India, T. T. 22 1/2

On Shanghai, T. T. 22 1/2

Bank, T. T. 7 1/2

Private, 30 days' sight 7 1/2

## MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Rome*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 16th instant at 5 p.m., and is expected here on the 21st.

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Abyssinia*, with the Canadian mail, from Vancouver, left Yokohama for Hongkong, via Kobe and Nagasaki, on the 15th instant.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Lien-shing*, from London, left Singapore at daylight on the 15th instant, and is due here on the 21st.

The 'Union' line steamer *Iser*, left Singapore on the 15th instant, and may be expected here on the 21st.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Hector*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the evening of the 15th instant, and is expected here on the 21st.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Shanghai*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 15th instant, and is due here on the 22nd.

The 'Ben' line steamer *Benledi*, from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 15th instant, and is due here on the 22nd.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana Co.'s steamer *Bornida*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 18th instant, and is due here on the 23rd.

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

18th June, 1890.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Lowest barometer read at sea (corrected for sea and height of therm.)	Temperature surface	Humidity	Wind Force Direction	Force	Weather.	State of sky (4th part of bar.)
Wahwee	29.85	57	...	SE	1	C	...
Tokyo	29.84	87	...	SE	1	C	...
Nagasaki	29.84	87	...	SE	1	C	...
Shanghai	29.87	68	100	SE	2	OT	...
Wenchow	29.84	87	...	SE	1	C	...
Foochow	29.85	80	87	SE	1	OT	...
Amoy	29.85	88	87	SE	1	C	...
Swatow	29.84	88	...	SE	1	C	...
Hongkong	29.86	82	...	SE	1	C	...
Canton	29.86	78	...	SE	1	C	...
Macao	29.86	85	...	SE	1	C	...
Hailong	29.86	85	...	SE	1	C	...
Amoy	29.85	85	...	SE	1	C	...
Shanghai	29.88	58	...	SE	1	C	...
Manila	29.86	85	75	...	...	...	...